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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We the subscribers, selectmen of the town of Troy submit the following report:—

AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED THE SEVERAL HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

FOR THE REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS FOR THE YEAR 1881.

District No 1. Alanson Starkey, Surveyor,	\$ 36 97
“ 2, Franklin Whitcomb, “	50 49
“ 3, Charles D. Farrar, “	34 76
“ 4, Robert M. Silsby, “	46 21
“ 5, Joseph Haskell “	71 63
“ 6, Alva S. Clark, “	52 32
“ 7, Luke C. Clark, “	31 62
“ 8, Moses Abair, “	23 20
“ 9	30 86
“ 10, John M. Davis, “	63 80
“ 11, Joseph E. Lawrence, “	61 45
“ 12, Luther Whittemore, “	30 94
“ 13, Carlos M. Barnard, “	23 50
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	557 97

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR SCHOOLS

IN THE YEAR 1881.

Assessed for the year 1881,	1075 00
Literary Fund from the State,	81 70
Savings Bank tax,	10 00
Interest on School Fund note.	24 00
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	\$1190 70

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1881.

District No. 1,	824 13
“ 2,	70 77
“ 4,	140 84
“ 5,	151 17
Herbert E. Wilder, school tax paid in Fitzwilliam,	3 77
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	\$1190 70

AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS IN 1881.

District No 1, William G. Silsby,	\$ 824 13
“ 2, David P. Lowe,	70 77
“ 3, Oliver P. Whitcomb,	75 30
“ 4, Stillman Taylor,	151 19
Herbert E. Wilder, school tax paid in Fitzwilliam,	3 77
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	1125 16

Districts No. 1, 2 and 4 have drawn appropriation in full.

Due District No. 3,	65 54
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STATE AND COUNTY TAXES PAID.

State Tax	932 00
County Tax,	681 16
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	1613 16

COUNTY POOR.

Paid Simeon Merrifield, nursing and boarding Maria Wyman,	68 75
Frank Harmond, car fare and board,	4 90
Reuben Gibson, board, Maria Wyman,	3 75
Charles Haskell, feeding tramps,	50
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	77 90

TOWN POOR.

Paid Ellen Whitcomb, boarding and clothing George Stowell, one year,	70 00
Francis Stone, boarding and nursing Lizzie V. Harrington 5 4-7 weeks,	8 36
Francis Stone, boarding Lizzie V. Harrington child, 38 weeks,	38 00
Francis Stone, clothes for Lizzie V Harrington child,	5 00
William Bowers, keeping Solon Wheeler and family over night,	3 00
Louisa M Cobb, services at F Woodward family	3 75
Farwell O. Cobb, services of wife and daughter at F Woodward's,	5 50
William A Harris, entertaining paupers,	67
E. P. Kimball & Son, labor one day at F Woodward's	1 25

Paid E Starkey, teams for Mrs Woodward's funeral,	\$ 7 50
Dr. S Cummings, medical attendance on Lizzie V Harrington,	13 50
Alva S Clark, hay delivered to F Woodward,	3 20
H W Farrar, paid Mrs Cobb, work at F Woodward's	1 25
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	160 98

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Charles W Brown, labor on cisterns,	4 40
Sroy Blanket Mills, pipe and labor on cisterns,	35 34
C H Rockwood, clerk, services of firemen,	111 00
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	150 74

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid J M Foster, labor on sluice near Amos Baker's	3 57
H W Farrar, labor and team, ditto	5 32
James M Nash, labor District No. 9,	1 50
James R Stanley, labor on bridge, Dist. No. 3,	2 50
J M Foster, " east road to Fitz.	4 00
Wm. A Harris, " "	3 00
H W Farrar, " and team " "	6 00
Gregory Lawrence, stringers " "	5 00
J M Foster, labor on bridge near C A Farrar's	4 00
Wm. A Harris, " "	3 75
Gregory Lawrence, stringers, " "	3 00
" railings, " "	2 50
William N Watson, labor in District No. 11,	9 78
" plough broken "	2 00
Joseph E Lawrence, labor District No. 11,	13 81
Henry Grimes, " " 11,	3 82
Moses Abair, " " 8,	5 17
" railing, " " 8,	3 00
Wm. A Harris, labor on highways,	8 62
H W Farrar, labor, Districts No. 9, 13, 8, 1,	41 4
" paid for gravel,	2 50
Edmund Bemis, labor, District No. 5,	
" paid for cutting brush, District No. 5,	5 00
Joseph Haskell, labor, District No. 5,	7 17
Troy Blanket Mills,	7 85

Paid A S Clark, labor, District No. 6,	\$ 7 85
Alanson Starkey, labor, " 1,	2 73
E P Kimball & Sons, " " 10,	9 72
E Starkey, snowing bridge, District No. 2,	1 50
Cheshire R R for gravel,	9 00
J S Taft & Co., gravel used 1880,	2 00
Levi A Fuller, plank,	65 72
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	259 05

WARD BRIDGE.

Paid J M Foster, labor of self and Ira Foster	16 00
James R Stanley, labor,	10 00
Josiah Ruffle, drawing stringers,	5 00
W A Harris, labor,	905
Edmund Bemis, labor, self and team,	6 50
Troy Blanket Mills, bridge stringers,	6 40
Alanson Starkey, drawing stone,	3 00
R L Angier, stone,	5 00
E Buttrick & Co., sawing stringers,	5 50
Cheshire R R, freight on stone from Fitzwilliam,	5 00
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	71 45

HAY SCALES.

Paid Byron D Leighton, lumber,	18 99
Troy Blanket Mills, lumber and labor,	5 31
William A Harris, labor,	2 65
E P Kimball, nails, &c.,	1 58
Fairbanks, Brown & Co.,	10 50
H W Farrar, work and lumber,	4 50
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	43 53

TOWN HOUSE.

Paid W A Harris, labor and paint,	4 15
Davis, Wright & Co., tin and labor on bell deck,	36 39
Troy Blanket Mills, labor,	53 96
E P Kimball & Sons, nails, &c.,	3 64
H F Lawrence, labor,	7 00
H W Farrar, 1-2 day labor,	75
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	105 89

BREAKING ROADS

Paid Luther Whittemore, 1878-79-80,	\$ 12 00
David P Lowe, District No. 7,	2 59
Oren H. Peck, " 7,	5 12
Luke C Clark, " 7,	5 62
Jonathan B Clark, " 7,	47
Moses Abair, from March 1, 1881, Dist. No. 8,	22 45
Franklin Woodward for 1880-81, Dist. No 9,	10 50
William N Watson, from Feb. 24, 1881, Dist. No 11	22 79
Joseph E Lawrence, District No. 11,	7 35
Eri Felch, " 11,	5 25
L H Merrifield, " 10,	1 12
E P Kimball, " 10,	4 28
Luther Whittemore, " 12,	3 00
J W Woodward, " 9,	3 00
Carlos M Barnard, " 13,	3 72
Hamilton Parker, " 5,	1 35
Edmund Bemis, to Mar. 22 '81 "	12 37
Joseph Haskell, " 5,	15 03
Edmund Bemis, " 5,	2 40
R M Silsby, " 4,	9 54
Lovell P Butler " 4,	3 30
A A Marshall, " 13,	1 50
A S Clark, " 6,	4 89
Charles D Farrar, " 3,	3 49
H W Farrar, Districts No. 1, 3, 6, 9,	8 25
Nicholas Grimes, for 1880,	75
William A Harris.	4 50

 176 63

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Matthew Wilson, being over 70 years old,	2 21
George W Cobb, for 1880,	1 36
George Dean,	1 35
Frank S Dame,	1 46
Marcellus A Dickerman,	1 46
Mary A Dickerman,	73
John Fell,	2 88

Benjamin B Forristall,	\$ 1 46
George French,	1 82
Edgar N Harrington	1 90
Jerry W Knopwood,	1 46
John T Leonardson,	1 89
Peter G Marrion,	1 46
Charles Sebastian,	1 46
John W Taylor,	1 46
Asa Wood,	1 46
William W Webster,	1 46
Edgar N. Harrington, for 1879,	1 08
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	28 37

SUNDRY TOWN BILLS.

Paid Whittemore & Co., printing town report,	18 00
William A Harris, services as sexton,	25 40
Batchelder & Faulkner, retainer fees and counsel for 1877-78-79-80,	28 00
M T Stone, reports of births and deaths,	4 75
E Buttrick, expenses to Fitchburg for town,	3 00
Rev. D W Goodale, appropriation for library,	50 00
E Bemis for stationery,	55
W H Spalter, collector's book & surveyor's warrants	2 04
Luther Whittemore, stone used at town house	1 00
Carlos M Barnard, watering place,	2 00
Hamilton Parker, damage to team,	1 50
“ “ stone in Boyden pasture,	2 50
Dr. M T Stone, vaccinating,	52 00
R M Silsby, police badges,	3 00
Alanson Starkey, sexton services,	26 25
William A Harris, labor and paint on lockup,	2 38
E P Kimball & Son, mat and sponge to sexton,	1 00
Charles Whitcomb, bolts, &c.,	3 00
Whittemore & Co., printing notices,	1 25
H C Newton, “	1 00
Edmund Bemis, car fare to Keene and Winchen- don, for town,	1 80
E Starkey, team to Alvin Wheeler's,	50
Dr. S. Cummings, cerificates of births,	75

Paid Alva S Clark, printing tax bills,	2 70
Mrs Lucy Damon, watering place from 1880 to March 1, 1882,	4 00
Whittemore & Co., for stylograph,	1 75
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	240 12

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS FOR 1880.

Paid James R Stanley, services as selectman,	57 50
H W Farrar, "	42 85
Edmund Bemis "	49 75
Rev. D W Goodale, services as Supt. School Com.	50 00
Alva S Clark, " collector of taxes,	70 00
William N Watson, " supervisor,	4 50
Asa C Dort, " treasurer,	20 00
Charles A Hubbard " town clerk to Jan. 2, 1882,	20 00
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	314 60

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Paid Maria Wheeler, interest on note,	40 00
Sarah Haskell, "	36 72
Sarah Howe, endorsement on note,	100 00
Charles A Hubbard, interest on note,	32 50
Miriam Holt,	35 00
Sarah Howe, note paid in full,	238 34
Charles A Hubbard, "	654 50
Maria Wheeler, interest on note,	17 32
Miriam Holt, endorsement on note,	129 48
Sarah Haskell, interest,	8 46
Edmund Bemis, note paid in full,	2041 00
Edmund A Bourn, note paid in full,	318 69
Asa C Dort, treasurer, interest on school fund,	24 00
Miriam Holt, indorsement,	500 00
Nancy B Wheeler, note paid in full,	105 95
Edmund Bemis, note paid in full,	441 46
Sarah Haskell, note paid in full,	408 60
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	\$5,132 02

RECAPITULATION.

Schools,	1125 16
State and County Taxes,	1613 16
County Poor,	77 90
Town Poor,	160 98
Fire Department,	150 74
Highways and Bridges,	259 05
Ward Bridge,	71 45
Hay Scales,	43 53
Town House,	105 89
Breaking roads,	176 63
Abatement of Taxes,	28 37
Sundry Town Bills Paid,	240 12
Town Officers' Bills,	314 60
Notes and Interest Paid,	5132 02
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	9499 60

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

1881.	ASA C. DORT, Town Treasurer,	Dr.
March 12	Taxes in hands of E P Kimball, coll. 1875,	134 63
	“ Alva S Clark, “ 1879,	6 89
	“ “ 1880,	1049 35
	School fund note,	400 00
	Cash in treasury,	256 43
Apr. 29	Taxes assessed for the year 1881;—	
	State Tax,	932 00
	County Tax,	681 16
	Town Charges,	1500 00
	School Tax,	1075 00
	Library appropriation,	50 00
	Resident highway tax,	34 32
	Non-resident do.	234 95
	Dog Tax,	42 00
	Run above sum voted.	160 47
		4709 90
Aug. 22	Cash borrowed of Mary A Blodgett,	2900 00
	“ Charles H Gove,	500 00
Oct. 22	Cash for billiard license,	12 94

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Feb. 24	Cash of Alva S Clark, interest on 1880 taxes,	35 00
	Rail Road tax from state,	113 58
	Savings Bank tax, "	1033 24
	Literary fund, "	81 70
	Interest on school fund note,	24 00
	Cash of D C Fassett, Surveyor Dist. No. 2, 1880,	1 69
	" from County support of paupers,	66 42
	" " E P Kimball & Sons use hay scales,	32 40
	" " W G Silsby, use of school-room,	20 00
	" " W G Silsby, com. on cemetery,	72 90
	" " J R Stanley, use of town hall,	25 00
	" " Mary A Whittemore, sundries,	10 00
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ASA C. DORT, Town Treasurer.

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Feb. 28	By taxes in hands of E P Kimball, col. 1875	134 63
	" " Alva S Clark " 1879	3 65
	" " " " " 1880	15 64
	" " " " " 1881	987 90
	School fund note,	400 00
	Payment of 122 orders of selectmen,	9,499 60
	Cash in treasury.	444 65
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		11,486 07

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1882.

Maria ^r Wheeler, note and interest,	818 80
Miriam Holt, "	921 15
Miriam ^r Holt, "	421 15
Charles H Gove, "	511 75
Augustus Hodgkins, "	327 33
Mary A Blodgett, "	921 15
Mary A Blodgett, "	1023 50
Mary A Blodgett, "	1023 50
School Fund note,	400 00
Due E P Kimball, collecting taxes, 1875,	50 00
A S Clark, " 1881,	60 00
Mrs. Oliver P Whitcomb, boarding and clothing	
George Stowell,	70 00
Francis Stone, boarding Lizzie V. Harrington child,	14 00

Henry W Farrar, services as selectman for 1881,	\$56 50
Edmund Bemis, " " "	45 75
William A Harris, " " "	41 45
Asa C Dort, town treasurer for 1881,	20 00
Rev D W Goodale, Superintending school com.,	41 03
William Butler, auditor,	4 50
William G Silsby, auditor,	4 50
Charles W Brown, services as supervisor,	4 50
William G Silsby, " "	4 50
Batchelder & Faulkner, for counsel,	10 00
School district No. 3,	65 54

\$6,860 60

AVAILABLE ASSETS OF THE TOWN MARCH 1st, 1882.

Outstanding taxes in hands of E P Kimball, coll. 1875,	134 63
" " " A S Clark, " 1879,	3 65
" " " " " 1880,	15 64
" " " " " 1881,	987 90
Cash in treasury, Feb. 28. 1882,	444 65

1,586 47

ASSETS OF TOWN NOT AVAILABLE.

Due from United States,	1386 00
Value of Hay Scales,	300 00
" Town Meadow,	10 00
" Town Derrick,	200 00
" Patent Road Scraper,	50 00

1946 00

Total liabilities of the the town March 1st, 1882. 6860 60

Available assets subtracted, 1586 47

Indebtedness of the town, March 1, 1882, 5274 13

Indebtedness of the town, March 1, 1881, \$6717 87.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. W. FARRAR,	} Selectmen
EDMUND BEMIS,	
W. A. HARRIS,	
	of
	TROY.

I have, this second day of March, A. D. 1882, carefully examined and compared the reports of the selectmen and treasurer and find them correctly cast with the proper vouchers.

WM. G. SILSBY, Auditor.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

The Librarian appointed by the Selectmen to carry out the vote of the town in reference to the old library, and the money appropriated for a new case and books, submits the following report:—

An endeavor was made to gather the scattered books belonging to the library, by means of notices posted in the stores, and published in the papers among the local items. Only a few volumes have been returned. The total number of old books returned and found in the old case above Mr. C. W. Whitney's store is 138. These, together with the new books, have been placed in the new case, in the Grammar School room and are in readiness for use.

The new case is made of ash, having glass doors, and will contain about 250 volumes. A set of the Library of Universal Knowledge, 15 volumes, was purchased. Also Michelet's History of France in two volumes, a History of Germany in one volume, by Kohlrausch, Knight's Popular History of England in two volumes, and Chamber's English Literature, four volumes.

Cost of case,	\$22 00
Expense of getting it,	86
Books,	26 03
Balance on hand,	1 11

50 00

Amount appropriated, 50 00

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GOODALE, Librarian.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In compliance with the laws of the state, the Superintending School Committee submits the following Report of Schools in the town of Troy for the year ending March 1, 1882:—

The general condition of the schools in the past year has been good, and in some districts most excellent. With one exception, experienced teachers have been employed, and the previous standard of excellence maintained. The chief event of interest in connection with the schools has been the change in text books. For some time there had been need of a change in the speller, and it was the purpose of the Committee to introduce a suitable book. Advantage was taken of a rivalry among publishers to secure new books in exchange for old ones at no expense to parents. After examining several spellers, among which there was no great choice, Worcester's New Pronouncing Speller was selected and introduced. Advantage was also taken of rivalry among publishers to introduce a new arithmetic at even exchange for old books. Robinson's, revised by Fish, was adopted. This book has also been adopted in nearly every town in the county. Parents moving from one town to another will in this find an advantage in the change. We wish there could be a uniformity of school books throughout the state. There doubtless are objections to such a plan, but we should like to see the plan tried; for the advantages seem so much greater than the objections.

The average length of the several schools of the town in the past year has been 22 1-2 weeks. Had the winter school in District No. 3, not been interrupted by the sickness of the teacher the average would have been 23 1-2. The total number of weeks kept in the six schools, was 135 1-2. The average ex-

pense of the "current expenses" for each enrolled scholar has been \$5.96. Current expenses include care and heating of school rooms and teacher's wages.

The Grammar School in District No. 1 has been taught as efficiently as in the past by its well known teacher, Mrs. L. B. Wright. The North Primary in like manner, has sustained its previous high standing under its very acceptable teacher, Miss Lillian A. Wright. The South Primary was under the charge of Miss Jennie G. Clark, who proved herself here as efficient and capable as in another district in the previous year. Dist. No. 2 was under the charge of Miss Jennie Newton, who kept a most excellent school, equal to any previous year in its history. Dist. No. 3 was taught by Miss Anna M. Carter in the Summer term, and fair progress was manifested at the examination. Certain sounds of disorder in this term have come from the district to the Superintending Committee. But in the presence of the Committee the order was quite as good as usual in this school. This school has not been an easy one in which to preserve order in the past. Certain elements of disorder having now departed from the district, we have hopes of better order in its future. The Winter term was begun by Miss Alice L. Bemis, and continued for nearly five weeks, when the teacher was obliged on account of sickness, to give up the school. This school was very small in the Winter term, having only six scholars, owing to the removal of parents from town. The school promised well for this term when visited by the Committee.

District No. 4 was under the charge of Miss Mattie B. Clarke. The school presented a good appearance during the visits of the Committee and at the examinations, and the progress made was such as to commend both teacher and pupils.

For the coming year it is hoped that, at least as liberal an appropriation will be made as for the past year. Could the schools average twenty-five weeks to each, it would be none too much. An appropriation of \$1175 would accomplish this. It is agreed by the wisest of investors that money put into the education of the youth is drawing a large interest. For further items in relation to the schools, consult the following statistical table.

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